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1. Between 12 and 14 February 1954, truck [redacted] picked up mail at Wittenberg railroad station for the installation at Apollensdorf. 25X1
2. At about 7 a.m. on 17 February, 7 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] drove from the Flak Kaserne to the training area. At about 7:30 a.m., they were followed by four groups of 60 men. Truck [redacted] entered the Flak Kaserne during the period of observation. Trucks [redacted] with high closed superstructure drove from the Flak Kaserne to the Beseler Kaserne. 25X1
3. On 20 February, Apollensdorf installations quartered about 250 soldiers. Sentries wore black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] with trailers loaded with furniture entered the installation. Four pontoons and 5 trucks stood in the yard. Eight more trucks were parked between the quarters. A bridge constructed across a frozen stagnant branch of the Elbe River on many piles driven into the ice level with the pontoons was 8 to 10 meters long and wide enough to permit two trucks to cross side by side. 25X1
4. On 25 February, the Beseler Kaserne quartered about 1,200 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. At about 10 a.m., 2 groups of 120 soldiers each, including some with submachine guns, marched into the terrain. Tank trucks [redacted] left the installation at about 10:30 a.m. They returned from the direction of Apollensdorf at about 4 p.m. 25X1

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1. Comment.  component of the Third Gds Mecz Army has been stationed in Apollensdorf since 22 January. It could not be determined whether the unit was the 148th Engr Bn  of the 14th Gds Mecz Div or the 35th Engr Regt  of the army. 25X1
2. Comment. Information indicates no changes in the occupation by units of the 6th Gds Tank Div of the Flak Kaserne and Beseler Kaserne. 25X1
3. Comment. As, already on 4 March, a train was dispatched from Jueterbog to Wittenberg, it is believed that tank units of the 6th Gds Tank Div practiced firing in Jueterbog as they did during the last years.

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